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"One of the Best"

"One of the best conferences we have ever had." These were the words on everyone's lips as the seventy-ninth annual meeting of the Northern California Congregational Conference came to a close, and as The Pacific goes to press letters from churches and pastors continue to sound the same note. There have been larger conferences, especially those held in the Bay area, where a larger number of our constituency are within easy reach. There were 324 paid registrations. Not all of these people were present, but many more came for a session or two and did not register.

The Sacramento Convention Bureau cooperated most happily, in furnishing very attractive programs and badges, in assisting with clerical work at the registration desk, and in sending a number of accomplished musicians who provided most enjoyable music at the banquet.

The Program Committee had arranged for a number of distinguished leaders from away. First of all should be mentioned Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Warner of Claremont. Mr. Warner showed motion pictures in one of the assembly rooms of the church two different evenings to overflow audiences. He also spoke at the men's meeting on Africa. Mrs. Warner, as is noted in another column, spoke at the women's luncheon and again at the Wednesday evening mass meeting.

Rev. Harry T. Stock of Boston, Young People's Secretary of the Congregational Education Society, spoke at a dinner conference of young people, led a forum on the Pilgrim Fellowship, and was one of the main speakers at the Conference banquet.

Rev. Henry Kendall Booth of Long Beach brought the Conference to a climax by his stirring address on "Mars Marches On."

Rev. James W. Fifield, Jr., of the First Church, Los Angeles, gave the keynote address on Tuesday afternoon, and then for an hour and a half on Wednesday morning outlined his program of church organization and submitted himself to questions. Since the Conference Dr. Fifield has written the editor of The Pacific that no less than twenty-six letters have come from members of the Conference who were present, asking him further questions.

Superintendent E. D. Gaylord not only brought greetings from the Southern Conference but was present at many of the sessions, contributing to the discussion and meeting ministers and delegates personally.

Our own Northern California leaders contributed greatly to the inspiration and success of the meeting. To mention just a few there were Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, who preached the annual Conference sermon; Rev. Fred R. Morrow and Moderator O. W. S. McCall, who, with Mrs. Warner, spoke at the Wednesday evening mass meeting; Rev. Burton M. Palmer, who in a most appropriate and beautiful manner paid tribute to the four ministers who have gone to their reward during the past year: R. K. Ham, W. E. Eckles, C. H. Dains, and O. W. Lucas. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the chaplain, at the opening service led in the observance of the Lord's Supper and by use of printed orders-of-worship and

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PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP GOALS

Following is a statement of purpose which has been adopted by the National Pilgrim Fellowship. In view of the interest which the young people of the Northern California Congregational Conference are now showing in this movement, it is suggested that pastors and counsellors take occasion to present these principles to their groups for study and discussion.

"The Pilgrim Fellowship unites the young people of Congregational and Christian churches in the purpose

To achieve Christian personality after the pattern of Jesus,

To seek a fuller understanding, one of another, in the interest of happy relations in home and community,

To work for a united church, practicing Christian freedom and definitely promoting the program of Jesus,

To secure equal rights and opportunities for all classes and races as equally the children of God,

To practice a Christian patriotism which recognizes the authority of God in conscience as supreme,

To strive for justice in the social order which will afford an abundant life for all,

To work for such international organization of the nations as will preserve peace and security."

NEW Y. P. SET-UP

Final approval was given by the State Conference meeting in Sacramento to the plan for the Pilgrim Fellowship of young people as inaugurated at Asilomar last August.

Under the new plan, the young people themselves will have much greater responsibility than formerly. Six young people have been nominated to serve with five adults as the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. A Pilgrim Fellowship cabinet has been set up, consisting of: Prescott Thompson, president; Bob Nelson, vice-president; Reva Galvin, secretary-treasurer; Rev. Harley H. Gill, Conference Superintendent; Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, counsellor; and Miss Wilma Conn, past president. In addition to the above named, the chairman of the Religious Education Committee is to be a member; also the director of the young people's summer conference. A representative from each of nine associational groups will complete the cabinet.

At present writing there are active and well-organized district or associational groups as follows: West Bay (including San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz Counties), East Bay (Alameda County), Redwood Empire (Sonoma and Marin Counties). A new district group was formed on October 19 at Fresno, including the young people from Fresno, Porterville, and Tulare. The German Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Young People have long been organized. Rallies have been held at other points, and it is expected that district organizations will be completed in a number of localities.

A committee has been appointed to lay plans for a mid-winter week-end conference.

There are to be six departments of the Pilgrim Fellowship: Program, World Fellowship, Social Action, Recreation, Administration, and Summer Conference.

Before this issue of The Pacific reaches its readers, the fall meeting of the Redwood Empire Association on November 5, will have been held. The church at Kenwood entertains the Association. Addresses by Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mrs. F. J. Greene, and Superintendent H. H. Gill are scheduled. Mr. Milton Gabrielson conducts the devotional service, and Rev. George Atkinson leads in the communion.

RALLIES WITH DR. STOCK

A very successful series of young people's rallies was held in Northern California during October, with Rev. Harry T. Stock, Young People's Secretary of the Congregational Education Society, as the speaker. Beginning at Oroville, with the Paradise young people joining, on Sunday evening, October 13, Dr. Stock installed officers for the coming year.

At Petaluma on Monday night, a fine group of Redwood Empire young people gathered to hear him. On Tuesday evening, at Sacramento, about seventy were present for a dinner conference. On Friday evening two rallies were held in the Bay district, one at First Congregational Church, Berkeley, and the other at First Congregational Church San Francisco, with Dr. Stock speaking at both. On Saturday night young people from Porterville and Tulare gathered with representatives from Fresno churches, and a district Pilgrim Fellowship was formed. Close to 400 young people heard Dr. Stock in the various meetings, and a great impetus has been given to the recently launched Pilgrim Fellowship.

In addition to speaking at the above named rallies, Dr. Stock met with the college group at Davis, he conducted a round table at the Conference, and was one of the main speakers at the banquet on the closing night. He met with the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work, with the cabinet of the Pilgrim Fellowship, and with the teachers and officers of the Fresno, First Church School. On his return east he will visit our church and the student work at Reno.

Slowly, in single file, men and boys carrying wooden measures filled to the brim with millet and rice walked up the aisle of the Tehchow, China, church while the congregation sang "Bringing in the Sheaves." It was "Thanksfor-the-Wheat Sunday," but there had not been much to be thankful for because of the drought. This did not lessen the dignity or the sincerity of the occasion. Placing their measures at the feet of Pastor Li the men bowed their heads while he offered a prayer of thanksgiving. "They were mostly farmers and the leader had worked hard to put his children through school," says Miss Helen Dizney, R. N. One of his daughters is in the new class of nurses who started training in August at the Tehchow Hospital.

New Officers

Officers elected at the Sacramento meeting of the Conference for the ensuing year are as follows:

Moderator: Rev. Lawrence Wilson.

Assistant Moderator: Dr. O. L. Elliott.

Registrar: Rev. H. H. Gill.

Preacher: Rev. John H. Gregg.

Alternate Preacher: Rev. R. C. Waddell.

Representatives to the Anti-Saloon League: Rev. Gail Cleland and Rev. Norman W. Pendleton.

Representative to State Christian Endeavor: Milton G. Gabrielson.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. James D. Salmon, Rev. H. S. Mahood, and Rev. E. L. Spuller.

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California Conference: Rev. H. H. Gill.

California Church Council: Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. E. W. Benedict, Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Tom Watt, and Mrs. C. A. Kofoid.

Members of General Council (Class 1940): George S. Martin and Mrs. Frank J. Greene: Alternate: Judge M. G. Woodward. (Class 1938): Mrs. Lawrence Wilson.

Committee on Ministerial Standing: (Class 1938) Rev. Burton M. Palmer, Rev. M. G. Papazian, and Rev. R. N. England. Holdover members of this committee are as follows: (Class 1936) Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. Noel J. Breed, and Rev. H. S. Davidson. (Class 1937) Rev. Henry Stauffer, Rev. Herman F. Swartz, Rev. George T. Tolson, and Rev. Benjamin Gould.

Board of Directors: (Class 1937) Rev. J. N. Sauer. (Class 1938) Mrs. W. W. Furze, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. O. W. S. McCall, C. M. Doxsee, C. R. Van Buskirk, and Rev. H. J. Loken. Holdover members are: (Class 1936) Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Mr. George S. Martin, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Mrs. Gail Cleland, Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Rev. Jason N. Pierce, Miss Helen M. Perkins, (Class 1937) Rev. E. T. Sherman, Mrs. C. T. Tinker, Mr. A. W. Moore, Rev. C. C. Champlin, Rev. Norman W. Pendleton, and Rev. George E. Atkinson.

At the close of the Conference the new Board of Directors held its first meeting, for organization, and elected its own officers as follows: President, Mr. George S. Martin; vice-president, Mrs. Gail Cleland; secretary, Rev. Harley H. Gill; treasurer, Mr. W. Wallace Furze; assistant treasurer, Mr. C. S. Morse; auditor, Mr. C. B. Wingate; Executive Committee: Mr. George S. Martin, Mrs. Gail Cleland, Rev. E. T. Sherman, Rev. J. N. Pierce, Rev. H. F. Swartz, Mr. C. M. Doxsee, Rev. G. E. Atkinson, Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Mrs. W. W. Furze, Mrs. F. J. Greene, and Rev. N. J. Breed.

The committees of the Board will be appointed at the November meeting, and the roster will appear in the December issue of The Pacific.

Plymouth Club Active

Plymouth Club at the University of California is preparing an operetta. Cast members are being enlisted and rehearsals have begun. A deputation team not only presented different angles of the peace question to the club itself, but will give its discussion some five or six times before other groups by November 10. A luncheon for Congregational students is held on the first Thursday of each month.

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his own messages brought the Conference daily to a sense of the nearness of God; Rev. T. T. Giffen, Rev. H. F. Swartz, and Rev. Lawrence Wilson conducted round tables; and Rev. Westwood Wallace, Rev. C. H. Hudson, Rev. Gail Cleland, and Mr. J. E. Carpenter were speakers at the men's meeting.

The Sacramento church was a most acceptable host, the pastor and members doing everything possible for the comfort of the delegates. The weather was beautiful, the church building adequate and attractive, and no untoward incident marred the gathering.

By unanimous vote, the invitation of San Jose for the 1936 Conference was accepted.

In addition to the election of officers, an account of which will be found in another column, there were few matters of importance before the business sessions of the Conference at Sacramento. Reports from all officers and committees had been prepared in advance in a mimeographed book of some twenty-seven pages, which expedited business and gave the delegates a compendium of information regarding the affairs of the Conference to take home with them. Most of the reports were accepted as presented, and the actions of the officers and Board of Directors approved.

The revised scale of apportionment distribution percentages was adopted, which is as follows: American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, 25 per cent; Home Board, 17 per cent; Council for Social Action, 3 per cent; State Ministers' Relief Society, 3 per cent; Conference and California Home Missionary Society, 52 per cent.

The Committee on Religious Work at the University of California was made a committee of the Board of Directors instead of of the Conference.

The most important item of business was the adoption of an amendment to the By-Laws, which was the result of the memorial sent by the Modoc Association a year ago. Under the terms of this amendment, the Conference may hold the ministerial standing of ministers when and if an association requests the Conference so to do. The Modoc Association has already signified its intention of transferring the standing of its ministers to the Conference. It is felt by many that associations which embrace a small number of churches and ministers will avail themselves of the opportunity and that the standing of ministers will be more adequately safeguarded in the hands of the larger body.

Rev. James W. Price, who resigned the pastorate at Fairfax some months ago and moved to Southern California, is again at work, this time as associate pastor of the Garvanza Congregational Church, Los Angeles, of which his son, Rev. James H. Price, is pastor. Father and son in the Price family will make a great team for any church.

A GOOD TURN

Many Congregationalists of our area will remember Rev. P. F. Royola, who headed up our Filipino work in the Salinas Valley for a number of years. Mr. Royola with his fine family returned to the Philippine Islands some three or four years ago. He is now pastor of a church at Cagayan.

Financial conditions have been very difficult in his area and it has been impossible for him to send his children to high school in spite of very modest charges.

Feeling that some people in Northern California might be willing to contribute to this very worthy end, the Superintendent wrote Mr. Royola for more exact information. It appears that charges for high school matriculation are $1, high school tuition $10, and textbook rent $3. Whether this is for a semester or for a year Mr. Royola does not state. It would be a great encouragement and a worthy bit of service if when the Superintendent writes Mr. Royola again he could include a check for $14 or, better yet, $28 to help send these fine young people to high school. Who will respond?

ATTIC YIELDS UP SPLENDID TRIBUTE

While visiting Etna early in October, the Superintendent was given a copy of the Wisconsin Congregational paper known as "Our Church Life." This paper, which was issued in December of 1904, had been discovered in an attic. It carries on its cover page a very fine picture of Rev. Henry Stauffer, now our pastor at Antioch. The issue was devoted to the subject of Evangelism, and contained an excellent article by Mr. Stauffer on the "Dynamics of Evangelism." A splendid sketch of his life and career was given by the editor, who had this to say: "He knows books, but reads more the hearts of men, the meaning of passing events, the drift of things, the religious tendencies of his own city and of the age. He is absolutely sincere, honest, earnest, tenderly solicitous for the good of others, and passionately devoted to the work of winning others to the joy and service of the Christian life." How well the editor knew Mr. Stauffer we in California are able to understand. As noticed in a recent issue of The Pacific Mr. Stauffer celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination in July.

Peace Plebiscite Progress

That our churches are taking seriously the Peace Plebiscite is evidenced by the fact that up to Saturday, November 2, fifty-three churches had ordered a total of 12,125 ballots. It will be a matter of great interest to find out how our constituency stands on the various questions involved, but a more valuable thing has been the educational work in preparing for it. Panel discussions, forums, classes, distribution of literature, and public addresses have all been used. Young people and adults are keenly interested. Churches of other denominations have asked for ballots. It is hoped that the movement will spread and be sponsored by some such group as the Federal Council of Churches that a truly representative ballot may be secured.

MODOC PILGRIMAGE

A team of speakers will visit the churches of Modoc County November 15 to 18, consisting of Mrs. Frank J. Greene, president of the Federation, Rev. Benjamin Gould of San Jose, and Superintendent and Mrs. Harley H. Gill. The Modoc Association will be held in Alturas Friday afternoon and evening, with each member of the team participating.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Gill will meet with the women of the Adin church. On Sunday Mrs. Greene will speak to the women at Alturas and Mr. Gould will preach at Alturas and Likely. Superintendent Gill will preach at Bieber and Adin. Arrangements for the meetings are being made by Rev. J. K. Ballou of Alturas and Rev. A. W. Monosmith of Adin.

German Y. P. Rally

The Fall Mission Rally of the Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies of the German Congregational Churches was held at the Salem Church, Sanger, Sunday, October 27. Several hundred young people were in attendance both afternoon and evening. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, pastor at Tulare, was one of the afternoon speakers, telling of Home Missionary work in Utah. Superintendent Harley H. Gill spoke in the evening on some missionary work in Northern California. The usual missionary collections were taken, out of which an appropriation of $25 was made by these young people toward religious work at the University of California, which was accepted by the young people at the Asilomar conference as a project for the coming year.

STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! ACT!

In California in 1934 more than 2800 persons were killed and 45,000 injured in traffic accidents. This toll marked the high record of all times.

For the first seven months of 1935 our accident records show that we have had the greatest number of traffic accidents during this period than during any like seven months' period in previous years. This would clearly indicate that our record for 1935 will even exceed the disastrous year of 1934 unless definite steps are taken to remedy the situation. The California State Automobile Association has prepared the following tabulation showing the traffic accident situation for the first seven months of this year in California as compared with the first seven months of 1933 and 1934:

(First seven months—January to July 31, inclusive)

Item	1933	1934	1935
Accidents	17,466	18,066	18,235
Persons killed	1,233	1,466	1,430
Persons injured	23,851	24,967	25,407
Drivers involved	26,264	27,559	27,671
Pedestrians involved	5,048	5,137	5,310
Vehicles involved	26,691	28,026	28,331

The problem of the intoxicated driver continues to be one of the major factors in the traffic accident situation. During the past two years the number of persons involved in accidents who had been drinking has steadily increased. This progressive increase has occasioned great alarm among all groups interested in the safety movement. Liquor and gasoline do not mix and the drunken driver has no place upon our streets and highways.

The above facts are taken from an information bulletin put out by the California State Automobile Association in its safety campaign.

GOING UP

Quite a decided improvement was noted in the October report for benevolence receipts. Whereas at the end of September we were more than $600 behind the corresponding period of a year ago, October took off $350 of that shortage so that now $250 is needed to be equal to the same date of 1934. An especially encouraging fact is that thirty-two churches have given more this year than last. Perhaps we have hit bottom and are on our way up. Who knows? The Conference and the National Boards will appreciate the continued interest of pastors, treasurers and contributors for the remaining two months of the year when the big rush in collections always comes.

	October 1935	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 35	Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, '34
Adin	$14.00	$89.00	$98.19
Alameda	39.50	145.31	199.70
Alturas	....	18.93	13.00
Angels Camp.	10.00	47.06	45.00
Antioch	....	27.86	30.36
Auburn	25.00	50.00	29.79
Benicia	11.00	24.00	27.00
Berkeley			
First	586.83	5,122.67	5,805.00
North	75.00	525.00	407.00
Park	....	60.03	57.20
Campbell	73.50	192.00	190.00
Ceres	....	....	52.31
Cloverdale	5.10	71.28	49.28
Cotati	....	39.86	49.84
Crockett	18.50	59.03	98.92
Eureka	21.36	229.90	183.00
Fairfax	....	15.00	80.00
Ferndale	111.22	190.38	187.80
Fowler	....	....	10.00
Fresno, First	221.17	506.47	552.43
Pilgrim	....	82.90	9.25
Zion	....	....	25.00
Glen Ellen	....	....	1.00
Grass Valley	....	10.00	....
Hayward	62.50	112.50	....
Kenwood	18.99	56.66	21.65
Likely	....	5.00	1.32
Lockeford	....	7.00	....
Lodi, First	....	452.00	460.00
Loomis	....	37.31	....
Martinez	18.35	157.21	32.50
Murphy	....	40.00	40.00
Niles	....	22.20	....
Oakland			
Calvary	....	....	10.00
First	916.53	3,301.47	4,075.75
Fruitvale	11.50	11.50	11.00
Pilgrim	....	3.50	5.00
Plymouth	80.00	525.00	535.75
Oroville	....	105.00	175.00
Pacific Grove	78.46	342.91	307.45
Palo Alto	150.00	400.00	486.00
Paradise	....	167.00	70.00
Petaluma	24.80	447.51	589.07
Pittsburg	13.00	44.84	32.50
Port Chicago	....	2.35	....
Porterville	....	17.00	29.50
Redwood City	75.00	250.00	275.00
Reedley			
Finnish	....	25.00	14.00
Ripon	....	47.50	57.50
Sacramento	154.55	442.25	477.50
Salida	31.20	50.00	20.00
San Carlos	....	15.00	35.00
San Francisco			
Beth.M.Pk.	13.77	272.67	247.63
First	146.90	1,133.19	715.38
Ocean Vw.	5.00	23.92	22.00
Richmond	....	4.00	9.50
San Jose	80.00	561.80	640.00
San Leandro			
Broadmoor	....	67.73	155.43
San Rafael	....	15.06	31.50
Santa Cruz	....	540.00	570.00
Santa Rosa	34.82	198.86	149.56
Saratoga	....	160.00	225.00
Sebastopol	57.96	214.25	171.22
Sonoma	21.02	71.25	37.15
Soquel	....	47.00	43.00
Stockton	39.15	420.29	536.83
Suisun	....	45.00	47.00
Sunol	....	....	30.00
Sunnyvale	....	5.70	6.50
Tulare	....	165.00	185.00
Weaverville	....	46.00	83.77
Woodside	....	....	36.50
Reno, Nev.	75.55	302.09	237.36
Special Deficit Fund	....	825.05	....
Miscellaneous	56.00	482.79	313.85
	$3,377.23	$20,196.04	$20,456.74

"Prisoner at the Bar"

The play, "Prisoner at the Bar," directed by Mr. George Young Hammond, new superintendent of the California Anti-Saloon League, has been presented in a number of cities and participated in by our churches. Splendid reports have come from Porterville, Alameda, and First Church, San Francisco, as to the effectiveness of the drama in arousing interest in the cause of temperance.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

OAKLAND, CALVARY. On Wednesday evening, October 23, the members of this church voted to deed the property to the Bay Association, and when the necessary legal arrangements could be made, to go out of existence. Two years ago, following a survey which revealed changes of far-reaching significance in the community, a council of churches suggested that a limited program of work be maintained, but could not see its way clear to recommend that the church remain a missionary project. Since that time, under the leadership of Mr. Cyril M. Hicks, the church carried on and did some valuable work, particularly among young people. With Mr. Hicks' leaving this past summer, it was felt that it was impossible to continue. The Bay Association made a proposal to the church of a plan whereby for one year an intensive program would be carried out, to see whether or not continuance would be justified. After some weeks spent in consideration, members of the church declined to accept the proposal, feeling that it would be just a postponement of an evil day. Plans are now under way whereby it is expected that the Bethany Armenian Congregational Church will be granted the privilege of use of the property for a period of years.

Calvary Church has had an honorable history, and a number of pastors of outstanding ability. It has sent to other churches in the Bay district and elsewhere some exceedingly valuable workers, and among its membership right up to the end have been some of the most faithful and able lay people. Members of the church plan to unite with other churches that there may be no real loss in strength of our fellowship.

As the last corporate act of the church, the splendidly generous thing was done of making it possible for a sister church to have the commodious and attractive house of worship which their own sacrifices had created.

LODI. Sixteen young people and twenty women, besides other delegates, attended certain sessions of the Sacramento Conference. Rev. Dwayne Orton of the College of the Pacific and Mr. Oscar Parkinson of Stockton, an attorney, have presented various phases of the Peace Plebiscite at the Sunday evening services. Members of the church are being asked to pledge attendance at prayer meetings a minimum of twelve times a year. Rev. E. T. Sherman is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. The fortieth anniversary was observed by the church the last week in October. The 400th anniversary of the Bible was honored on October 6 and 20. A forum is held on Sunday evenings. A large list of new supporters for the church has been secured to make possible the continuance of the program planned and executed by Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. A monthly young people's church service, conducted in English, was launched on October 20, with Superintendent Harley H. Gill as the preacher. A splendid group of young people was present, the service of worship being conducted by one of their number. Rev. M. Ishino is the pastor.

FRESNO, JAPANESE. This church is conducting special evangelistic campaigns at Fresno, Sanger, Del Rey, and Fowler. Rev. S. Nakayama, the pastor, is alive to the need of English services for his young people and secures speakers whenever possible.

SANTA CRUZ. Mrs. Rosa B. Miller presented the church with a set of chimes for the pipe organ, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Amelia McPherson, who, as a child, was present when the first church of the Congregational order was organized in Santa Cruz. Her father, the late T. W. Hinds, who came from England in 1853, brought the group of worshippers together but on account of removals the church lapsed. The present organization dates from 1857.

Forty dollars for the Asilomar fund for next year was netted by a dinner served recently by the young people. Mrs. Ethel Cook has been added to the ministerial staff. She will do field work which the pastor cannot find time to undertake. The influence will be felt in the Church School, among the young people, and in every department of the church. Rev. H. S. Mahood is the pastor.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, the pastor, sends a birthday letter to every member and friend of his church whose birth date he knows. "Parson Tom," who is a splendid cook as well as preacher, has cooked and served the dinner for the Ministers' Monday Club the last two meetings.

The first Sunday of November Mr. Watt preached at his old church at Williams, in the annual celebration of the beginning of that church fourteen years ago. Incidentally, it was a birthday party and dinner for the preacher.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. This church has been heavily burdened by a debt on the building and the consequent interest charges. A readjustment of the loan has been secured, and a campaign is in progress to raise all back interest. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, has a double obligation in attending meetings of both Methodist and Congregational denominations, but he seeks to discharge them faithfully and is a welcome attendant at many meetings of our fellowship.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Old and young people are giving a peace play on November 10 at the Angels Camp church in the morning, and at Murphy in the evening. Three groups of Camp Fire Girls are in full swing in Angels Camp. Two new groups have been organized in Murphy, and one is in prospect for Copperopolis. Rev. Glenn H. Corbin, the pastor, has arranged for special speakers on the Peace Plebiscite.

PORT CHICAGO. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the church was observed on October 4 and 6. At the fellowship supper, greetings were read from former ministers, members, and friends. A loving cup was presented to Mr. J. H. Ericksen, the only resident charter member. Rev. Raymond L. Cramer, former pastor, preached the anniversary sermon.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, can be counted upon to arrange interesting and instructive programs for Sunday evening services. Recently a first-hand report from Ethiopia was given by Mrs. Florence Douglas, who spent two years in Addis Ababa as director of recreation.

OAKLAND, PILGRIM. An adult forum and a new junior high school group have been organized. A course in Bible study for young people begins in November under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Horton Colbert.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A committee of laymen has decided that this year's Every Member Canvass shall be much more than a solicitation for money,—a campaign which will result in the deepening of the spiritual life of the church and a recognition of stewardship. Cottage meetings throughout the city are being led by these laymen for a period of several weeks. In addition, a series of four attractive bulletins under the general caption of "The Father's Business" have been projected. Three of them have already been distributed, and a fourth will follow. No. 1 discusses the "New Testament as the Christian's Textbook on Giving" (reading time 25 minutes); No. 2, "Giving in the Early Church" (reading time 14 minutes); No. 3, "Modern Messages on Giving or Voices of Our Time" (reading time 9 minutes).

FRESNO, FIRST. Rev. Norman Henderson reports the finest group of high school young people during his pastorate, now at work. Splendid congregations are present every Sunday morning. A Sunday evening forum sponsored by the church brings many leaders of thought to Fresno, and is attended by hundreds of people both members and non-members of the church. Among the speakers for the fall semester are: M. T. Yamamato, correspondent of Japan's greatest newspaper, Louis Untermeyer, and Chester Rowell.

PORTERVILLE. Splendid congregations continue to greet the pastor, Rev. John H. Gregg, with an average of 124 per service during October. Finances are improving with increased attendance. A budget providing for a real advance has been drawn up for 1936. A floor furnace has been installed in the parsonage, and a beginning has been made in securing recreational equipment for the young people. Besides the pastor and his wife, eleven new members were received on the first Sunday of October.

OROVILLE. The youth program of this church is bringing gratifying results; sixty were in attendance at a recent young people's party. New families and new leaders have been enlisted in the church school. A total of about ten members were in attendance at the Sacramento Conference. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, has been the recipient of a lettergraph, which is of great assistance in promoting the work.

TULARE. "Guest Day" was observed on October 27. A splendid response was made by members in bringing one or more guests. The result was the largest attendance since Easter. A new young people's group, of intermediate age, is in process of formation. Rev. Arthur L. Rice, the pastor, was one of the speakers at the German Young People's Conference at Sanger.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Thirty-nine meetings were held at the Fellowship House during October, which number will probably be exceeded in November. The financial canvass has been completed with pledges about $70 in excess of last year. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr is the director.

PITTSBURG. During the period that a decision is being reached regarding a new pastor, Rev. C. I. Ford, a member of the church and a former Baptist minister, is supplying the pulpit and serving as chairman of the committee on pastoral relations.

PETALUMA. A Peace Forum is being conducted on Sunday evenings, the speakers being Dr. E. Guy Talbot, Lieut. Commander Stewart Bryant, Dr. Edgar A. Lowther, Dr. Dean Rusk, Dr. Stanley A. Hunter and Dr. Herman F. Swartz. Deep interest has been shown and long discussions have followed each speech. At the Sunday morning services, Rev. R. C. Waddell is preaching a series of sermons on "The Quest for God," showing the development of the idea of God as recorded in the Bible. These sermons are being used very successfully in the Sunday school as bases for lessons for the High School classes.

SALIDA. Following Harvest Home services the first Sunday in October, a Harvest Home supper and sale was held on Monday, at which about 150 people were present. A concert by some Oakland friends of the pastor, Rev. A. T. Davies, and an evening entertainment by the young people, brought sufficient funds to buy new hymn books for church services and also other books for the Sunday school. Nine young people attended the dinner conference at Sacramento with Dr. Stock, and eight adults were present at regular sessions of the Conference.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Two new organizations have been added to the church's activities this fall: a boys' club, meeting twice a month, and a men's forum, meeting every week for seven weeks, with different speakers. The Church School has purchased a 16 m.m. motion picture projector, which is used with splendid effect at the beginning of each session. Rev. E. W. Benedict, the pastor, is preaching a series of evangelistic sermons on the general theme, "A Vitalized Religion."

SAN CARLOS. The local Community Players presented "Rip Van Winkle" for the financial benefit of the church. The sum realized helped to meet street assessments and other bills. A young matron's society of thirty members has been organized, and a canvass undertaken in the community for church attendance. This resulted in a well filled church on Go-to-Church Sunday and increased congregations the weeks following.

GUERNEVILLE. New officers have been elected by the church. The Ladies' Sewing Club is planning to remodel and re-roof the Sunday school rooms. A new constitution is in process of formation. Rev. Ray S. Miller, pastor, reports that he is more encouraged with the prospect than ever before.

BENICIA. Mr. Alden A. Read, student of the Pacific School of Religion, has been called as stated supply until June, 1936.

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FALL MEETING

SACRAMENTO ENTERTAINS

The women of Pioneer Church, Sacramento, extended most gracious hospitality to the Federation at its fall meeting on October 16. Th eopening session was a luncheon attended by about three hundred women, and presided over by Mrs. Frank J. Greene, the president. She presented Mrs. P. V. Burke, who brought greetings from the hostess church, and Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, who acted as toastmistress. After delightful music, the luncheon address was given by Mrs. Franklin Warner of Claremont, who recently returned from a trip round the world.

Speaking on "Why Travel," Mrs. Warner confessed that the great passion of Mr. Warner and herself is to know people, to see the natives of other countries in their own environment, and to learn of their ways of thought and life. Through much experience she has found that the best way to accomplish this is to visit the mission stations. She told of the beautiful Javanese island of Bali, where the purest form of Hinduism was supposed to be found, because no missionary had ever been allowed to settle there. The people, however, after sojourns elsewhere had brought back to Bali practices which had corrupted the pure religion, and when Tagore visited the island some years ago he found there a most debased form of Hinduism. Hundreds of the natives, having seen the results of Christianity and something of the culture that comes with Christ, are now demanding that the Governor allow Christian teachers on the island. Travelers of certain types and exploiters desire to keep the natives of many regions "picturesque." They copy the white man's manners, his greed, and his vices, with terrible results, and can Christianity afford to keep them picturesque and withhold the best that it has to offer? All humans are alike physically and spiritually whatever the race or color. The best that the Christian has must be shared for the sake of the whole world.

ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Mrs. L. H. Richards, president of the Bay Association, discussed report making, and told of a questionnaire that she had sent to the societies of her association, that each group might know exactly what to report upon, and that the president might have adequate information as to the status of each society. This questionnaire covered eight points, namely, attendance, social service work, thank offering, Asilomar conference, cooperation with other social agencies, methods of raising money, organization, and use made of the Federation. She reported that replies came in from seventeen of the twenty societies within eight days. She is willing to challenge any association to make a better record.

Mrs. Ivie McGarva of the Modoc Association sent a written report telling of the fine monthly meetings at Alturas and of the work of the Tinker Club of young people in securing automobiles for transportation of children to and from Sunday school.

LIGHT FROM EAST

Some of the bright spots in the life of China today were pointed out by Miss Eunice Thomas, until recently a teacher in the Wenshan Girls' School, under the American Board. She is sailing shortly to take up her new work in China, as head of the English department in the Fukien Christian College, to which position she has been called by the directors. A great tribute is paid to our missionaries when they are chosen by the Chinese to positions of influence.

Miss Thomas spoke of some of the things that China has accomplished in the last few years. Extensive building and road making projects, wide extension of the school system, use of the thousand character system in bringing literacy to the masses, are a few of these. Others are given less public notice here. It is true that fourteen of the eighteen provinces remained loyal to the government, and that in those regions where Communism has been overthrown, reconstruction (agricultural, social, educational, and spiritual) is now going on. The work being carried on in one of these districts by Dr. George W. Shepherd is one of the bright spots. It was in the Christian colleges that he found the capable helpers who were willing to serve in this work of reorganizing society. To such as these Christianity is no longer an experiment but an experience which it is a joy to share.

Another bright spot is the growing recognition by the best government leaders that Christian trained men and women are persons of integrity who may be trusted in positions of responsibility. Miss Thomas thinks that the brightest light that is shining in China today is the steadfastness of the Christian leaders. This is the greatest test of fortitude. She mentioned several such leaders, among them our beloved Isabel Wong, principal of the Union Kindergarten Training School, who have sacrificed much because of their faith in the Christian way of life and their desire to live and teach that faith.

GIFTS OF SELF

"Such as I have give I unto thee," from the story of the lame man and Peter, as told in Acts 3, was the theme of the devotional service led by Mrs. H. N. Hobart of Sacramento. At the Gate Beautiful of the temple was the restoration of power to one infirm. Any place where human lives become transformed, raised from despairing and helpless attitudes to the strength of a life in Christ, there is the Gate Beautiful. Any service, given in the spirit of love to one waiting, even as the lame man was waiting for the helping hand of Peter, will be blessed.

Representatives of the societies of the Upper Bay Association, under the direction of Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum, gave a symposium of the work accomplished during the year. Loving sacrifice and hard work resulted in marked success, which gives happy promise of greater things in the future. The women of the Antioch church have decided to raise their money by a free-will offering, thus releasing time and energy, devoted heretofore to sales and teas, for study and fellowship.

NEWS AND PLANS OF OUR CHURCHES

OAKLAND, FIRST. "New members at every Communion" is the goal of Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, pastor. The first Sunday in October twelve persons were received into fellowship. About $400 was cleared as a result of two presentations of a play by the men of the church, entitled "When Men Marry."

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR. A steady increase in Sunday school attendance from 160 to 240 marked the five Sundays of September. Nearly thirty young married people attend the class of the pastor, Rev. J. H. McCartney. This group recently purchased a piano for the church and installed an outdoor bulletin board.

PARADISE. Rev. E. P. Shier, the pastor, reports that the Cent-a-Meal boxes are resulting in a larger missionary giving on the part of the church than other plans for the past several years. A group of people are taking this matter in earnest and finding a great spiritual blessing in doing so.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRESIDIO. New articles of federation between the Richmond Congregational and Asbury Methodist Churches have been drawn up and adopted, clearing up some indefiniteness and extending the time. Rev. E. E. Wilson, the pastor, is meeting with cordial interest among both groups.

EUREKA. Arrangements have been made for the broadcasting of the services of the church one Sunday a month over station KIEM. Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, has arranged daily devotional services for a fifteen-minute period each morning for the radio station during the past several years.

Churches which are holding their Every Member Canvasses will do well to avail themselves of the attractive literature created by the National Boards and the Commission on Missions. Samples have been sent to all pastors and the Conference office has a supply on hand. Among these leaflets there are four for general distribution. One four-page leaflet gives a striking summary of the far-flung work of the American Board, under the title "Go with the American Board"; the very important work of the Home Boards is set forth in a convenient leaflet entitled, "Our Church and the Nation"; Council for Social Action also has a new leaflet with the caption, "Action to Match Our Gospel." In addition to these three, there is a leaflet showing the very definite needs of all the Boards, outlining work that simply must be undertaken if we are to be true to our trust. The Conference also has a supply of canvassers' information cards and pledge cards, which are furnished free.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. An entirely new heating plant has been installed in the church and social hall, using gas as fuel. Several social functions were enjoyed by different groups during October, with Pilgrim Fellowship, Intermediate Pilgrim Fellowship and Boys' Club participating. Rev. W. R. Steininger is stated supply.

FAIRFAX. Church Night suppers and programs on the first Wednesday of each month are growing and resulting in many contacts for the pastor, Rev. C. L. Mears.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. An annual feature presented by the women of this church is a garden show, with exhibits of flowers, plants, shrubs, and fruit and vegetable arrangements.

HOW IS IT DONE?

Many people have wondered how the Commission on Evangelism could prepare, produce, and distribute so many attractive leaflets and books so helpful to churches, pastors, and members. A steady stream of most excellent material has been published, which has been widely used and copied by other denominations.

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